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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action dated July 13, 2001, having a shortened statutory period set to expire October 13, 2001. Further examination and consideration are requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

On page 15, after the paragraph on lines 10-12, please insert the following paragraph:

Fig. 13 is a partial perspective view of a catheter including a thin-film shape memory alloy actuator array.

On page 43, after the paragraph on lines 1-15, please insert the following paragraph: